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SUBJECT: ZAIRE MAGAZINE CALLS US-USSR SUMMIT "HALF-SUCCESSFUL"

1. ZAIRE MAGAZINE JULY 15, IN FIRST EDITORIAL REACTION TO RECENT US-SOVIET SUMMIT, PUBLISHED MIDDEL-OF-THE-ROAD CRITIQUE, WHICH, DESPITE SOMEWHAT MISLEADING TITLE--"NIXON RETURNS EMPTY-HANDED FROM MOSCOW"--CLAIMS THAT "SEMI-FAILURE" OF SUMMIT GENERALLY OFFSET BY AGREEMENTS ON ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, CARDIOLOGY AND COMMERCE.

2. ARTICLE CRITICIZES US-SOVIET FAILURE TO AGREE ON PERMANENT ACCORD REGARDING NUCLEAR WEAPONS, FINDS INTERIM ACCORDS NOT PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT. WRITER BLAMES BOTH SIDES FOR LACK-LUSTER SUMMIT--NIXON DID NOT WANT TO ALIENATE THE CONSERVATIVE AISLE OF CONGRESS WHICH DID NOT IN ANY WAY WANT TO LOSE THE US TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORITY" IN MISSILES.

3. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH CLAIM THAT "IF NIXON RETURNED EMPTY-HANDED FROM MOSCOW, IT IS BECAUSE BREZHNEV...AND THE USSR DECIDED THIS TIME NO LONGER TO CONTRIBUTE TO GOOD WORDS AND SIGNED ACCORDS... UNTIL NIXON FINALLY RIDES HIMSELF OF HIS CANCER, WATERGATE."

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4. COMMENT: DESPITE SUPERFICIAL TREATMENT OF SUMMIT BY ZAIRE
MAGAZINE, ARTICLE MORE THAN OFFSET BY WIRELESS FILE PIECES ON
US-USSR RELATIONS (DETENTE) WHICH HAVE PERIODICALLY APPEARED
IN ZAIRIAN PRESS DURING PAST MONTH. ON BALANCE, CONSIDERING
SUMMIT'S LACK OF "BREAKTHROUGH" IN NUCLEAR FIELD, POST REASONABLY
SATISFIED WITH RESULTS AS PORTRAYED TO AVERAGE ZAIRIAN READER.
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